

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) Coupling arrangement as in Claim [[2]] 12, wherein at least the second retainer is a separate part from the clamping rings, and is held longitudinally to the first clamping ring in at least one longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation.

7. (Previously presented) Coupling arrangement as in Claim 6, wherein the second retainer is a perforated cap, whereby the perforated cap is located adjacent to the clamping bodies longitudinally in one direction and thereby surrounds the axis of rotation.

8. (Previously presented) Coupling arrangement as in Claim 7, further comprising at least one tongue protruding from the perforated cap, the tongue engages the second clamping ring by the at least one segment, and which is oriented in one direction of the axis of rotation.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A coupling arrangement comprising:

a first clamping ring concentric with an axis of rotation;

a second clamping ring oriented concentrically with the axis of rotation and grooved around its circumference;

clamping bodies oriented radially between the clamping rings;

at least the second clamping ring includes a bearing surface, which faces the clamping bodies, and includes radial, ramp-shaped projections, each of which are positioned between two neighboring clamping bodies; and the second clamping ring may be at least be brought into frictional contact with a machine part, and at least a first retainer and a second retainer are connected to one of the clamping rings in at least one longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation, holding the clamping rings and the clamping bodies together longitudinally to the axis of rotation by the retainers and wherein the clamping rings are formed of sheet metal parts;

wherein the retainers are spaced apart from each other in a longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation, and are fastened to a clamping ring in at least one direction longitudinal to the axis of rotation; the retainers engage the other clamping ring by a segment thereof, and hold the clamping bodies longitudinally between them, at least partially; and ~~Coupling arrangement as in Claim 11,~~

wherein at least the first retainer is formed in one piece with the first clamping ring.

13. (Currently amended) Coupling arrangement as in Claim 12, wherein the first retainer is a lip made from the metal of the first clamping ring, and extends from the first clamping ring at right angles to ~~[[the]]~~ an axis of rotation of the clamping rings.

14. (Currently amended) Coupling arrangement as in Claim [[11]] 12, wherein at least the second retainer is a separate part from the clamping rings, and is held to the first clamping ring in at least one longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation.

15. (Currently amended) A coupling arrangement comprising:

a first clamping ring concentric with an axis of rotation;

a second clamping ring oriented concentrically with the axis of rotation and grooved around its circumference;

clamping bodies oriented radially between the clamping rings;

wherein at least the second clamping ring includes a bearing surface, which faces the clamping bodies, and includes radial, ramp-shaped projections, each of which are positioned between two neighboring clamping bodies; and the second clamping ring may be at least be brought into frictional contact with a machine part, and at least a first retainer and a second retainer are connected to one of the clamping rings in at least one longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation, holding the clamping rings and the clamping bodies together longitudinally to the axis of rotation by the retainers and wherein the clamping rings are formed of sheet metal parts;

the retainers are spaced apart from each other in a longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation, and are fastened to a clamping ring in at least one direction longitudinal to the axis of rotation; the retainers engage the other clamping ring by a segment thereof, and hold the clamping bodies longitudinally between them, at least partially,

at least the second retainer is a separate part from the clamping rings, and is

held to the first clamping ring in at least one longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation; and

~~Coupling arrangement as in Claim 14~~, wherein the second retainer is a perforated cap, whereby the perforated cap is located adjacent to the clamping bodies longitudinally in one direction and thereby surrounds the axis of rotation.

16. (Currently amended) Coupling arrangement as in Claim 15, further comprising at least one tongue protruding from the perforated cap, the tongue engages the second clamping ring by at least one cut-out ~~section~~ segment oriented in a direction of the axis of rotation.

17. (Previously presented) Coupling arrangement as in Claim 16, wherein the cut-out segment is formed from a recess in the second clamping ring, the recess in a direction from the longitudinal of the axis of rotation into the second clamping ring.

18. (Currently amended) A coupling arrangement comprising:

_____ a first clamping ring concentric with an axis of rotation;

_____ a second clamping ring oriented concentrically with the axis of rotation and grooved around its circumference;

_____ clamping bodies oriented radially between the clamping rings,

_____ at least the second clamping ring includes a bearing surface, which faces the clamping bodies, and includes radial, ramp-shaped projections, each of which are positioned between two neighboring clamping bodies; and the second clamping ring may be at least be brought into frictional contact with a machine part, and at least a first retainer and a second retainer are connected to one of the clamping rings in at least one longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation, thereby holding the

clamping rings and the clamping bodies together longitudinally to the axis of rotation by the retainers and wherein the clamping rings are formed of sheet metal parts;

wherein the retainers are spaced apart from each other in a longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation, and are fastened to a clamping ring in at least one direction longitudinal to the axis of rotation; the retainers engage the other clamping ring by a segment thereof; and thereby hold the clamping bodies longitudinally between them, at least partially; and ~~Coupling arrangement as in Claim 11,~~ wherein at least the first retainer is formed as one piece with the first clamping ring, and at least the second retainer is a separate part from the clamping rings; the first retainer comprising a lip made from and extending off of the first clamping ring at right angles to ~~[[the]]~~ an axis of rotation of the clamping rings; and the second retainer is a perforated cap which holds the clamping bodies longitudinally in one direction of the axis of rotation, and surrounds the axis of rotation.

19. (Previously presented) Coupling arrangement as in Claim 18, further comprising at least one tongue protruding from the perforated cap, the tongue engages the second clamping ring by at least one cut-out segment pointing in one direction with the axis of rotation.

20. (Previously presented) Coupling arrangement as in Claim 19, wherein the cut-out segment comprises a recess in the second clamping ring, where the recess extends longitudinally into the second clamping ring in a longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation.

21. (Currently amended) Coupling arrangement as in Claim [[9]] 12, wherein the second clamping ring may be fixed about the axis of rotation relative to a machine by an actuating element; the actuating element comprises a recess in the second clamping ring and the recess extends into the second clamping ring from a longitudinal of the axis of rotation; and where the recess may be pivoted about the axis of rotation relative to the first clamping ring.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) Coupling arrangement as in Claim [[9]] 12, where the second clamping ring may be fixed about [[the]] an axis of rotation of the clamping rings relative to a machine part by means of an ~~actuator~~ actuating element, where the ~~actuator~~ actuating element is formed separately from the clamping bodies, and ~~thereby~~ held longitudinally to the first clamping ring in at least one longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation.

24. (Currently amended) Coupling arrangement as in Claim 23, wherein one of the clamping rings as well as [[an]] the actuating element is formed with one of the retaining rings which comprises a perforated cap which is formed with a tongue protruding ~~radially~~ from the perforated cap at a radial portion thereof; the perforated cap is held to the first clamping ring in at least one longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation of the clamping rings; and the perforated cap holds the clamping bodies longitudinally, surrounding the axis of rotation, whereby the tongue engages the second clamping ring at right angles to the axis of rotation by a segment cut out of a recess.

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25. (Previously presented) Coupling arrangement as in Claim 24, wherein the tongue extends longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation.